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Applicant: Hart, et al.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed April 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In re claims:

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A surgical clip having a sliding state and a crimped state, and being adapted for use in a surgical procedure initially to slide along suture ends to an operative position and ultimately to crimp the suture ends at the operative position, comprising:

a substrate bendable between the sliding state and the crimped state, the substrate being formed of a material having a first coefficient of friction with the suture ends;